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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND
THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)	02-05-2005
Applicant's or agent's file reference 21017791	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/SE2005/000044	International filing date (day/month/year) 17-01-2005
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1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.
Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):
When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report.
Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes
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For more detailed instructions, see notes on the accompanying sheet.
2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are transmitted herewith.
3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest: the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Reminders

Shortly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

International application No.

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further opinions, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.

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Box No. I **Basis of this opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-21</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>9-13, 16-20</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-8, 14, 15, 21</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-21</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Relevant documents cited in the International Search Report

D1: US 6295682 B1

D2: US 20030114091 A1

Explanation

The invention relates to a machine for processing the surface of a floor. The invention aims at providing an improved machine as regards its capacity, efficiency, manoeuvrability and transportability. The machine should also be able to be produced to a reasonable cost.

D1 discloses a rideable cleaning machine. Column 1, lines 5-45 discusses prior art rideable assemblies which clean, scrub and wax floors and the disadvantages that these assemblies have. Since the invention according to the application relates to processing floors D1 would be of interest for the person skilled in the art.

The machine in D1 comprises a power brush assembly 30 including a motor housing 34 that extends upwardly from a buffer housing 31, which supports a cleaning tool. The cleaning tool may be a brush or a buffer 32 (column 3, lines 11-14). The power brush assembly 30, which is connected to a carriage 2 of the machine by a bracket 36, may be used for polishing purposes (column 3, lines 46-47) and can be raised and inclined in relation to the carriage 2 by the aid of a tiltable handle 35 which is connected to the motor 34.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: BOX V

According to one embodiment the machine may be provided with a second power brush which can be used in tandem in a dual brush arrangement as shown in fig. 2 (cfr column 4, lines 49-50). It appears clear that when the machine is provided with two power brush assemblies 30 they are individually tiltable in relation to the carriage 2.

Claim 1

The main purpose of the machine in D1 appears to be to clean carpets. However, the background art and its disadvantages which is discussed in D1 refers to the cleaning, scrubbing or waxing of floors. In D1 it is mentioned that the machine may be used for "polishing" (column 3, line 47). It seems probable that it is a floor surface that is polished and not a carpet. The known machine also appears suitable for polishing floor surfaces.

The invented machine according to claim 1 differs from D1 in that it comprises a disk for processing the floor. The person skilled in the art would realise that the machine in D1 easily can be modified in such a way that the buffer 32 is formed by a polishing disk. In the field of polishing surfaces it is also well known to use polishing disks.

The machine according to claim 1 is thus novel but is considered to lack inventive step for the reasons set out above.

Claims 4 and 5

D2 discloses a floor burnisher machine with a head assembly 14 comprising a floor polishing element 19. The head assembly 14 is mounted to the frame of the machine by linkage arms 28. It is evident from fig. 2 that the head assembly can be turned in relation to the linkage arms.

In light of D2 it appears obvious to the person skilled in the art to modify the machine in D1 in way that falls under the scope of claims 4 and 5.

Claims 4 and 5 therefore appear to lack inventive step.

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Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 14, 15 and 21

The machine according to claims 2, 3, 6-8, 14, 15 and 21 appears obvious to the person skilled in the art when considering D1.

The machine according to claims 2, 3, 6-8, 14, 15 and 21 therefore lacks inventive step.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 21017791	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> FOR FURTHER ACTION </div> <div> <small>see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</small> </div> </div>	
International application No. PCT/SE 2005/000044	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 17 January 2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 13 February 2004
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: B24B 7/18

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: A47L, B24B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

EPO-INTERNAL, WPI DATA, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

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"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

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